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SUBJECT : PHILIP MORRIS COMPENSATION CLAIM

1. DURING A CALL ON ADVISOR FOR INDUSTRIES JAMAL UDDIN AHMAD MAY 19, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE CLAIM OF PHILIP MORRIS AGAINST THE BDG FOR RECOGNITION OF ITS K-2 TRADEMARK CLAIM AND COMPENSATION FOR OWNERSHIP IN DACCA TOBACCO WHICH WAS NATIONALIZED BY THE BDG. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS CLAIM WITH PHILIP MORRIS IN NEW YORK AND URGED A PROMPT RESOLUTION.

2. THE ADVISER SUGGESTED THE EMBASSY SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY RESTATING THE BASIS OF THE PHILIP MORRIS CLAIM. WE PLAN TO SEND SUCH A LETTER WHICH WILL OUTLINE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN A LETTER FROM WILLIAM H. WEBB, VICE PRESIDENT OF PHILIP MORRIS, TO THE AMBASSADOR DATED DECEMBER 22, 1977 (COPIED TO DOUG ARCHARD, NEA/PAB) AND ATTACH COPIES OF THE COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1976.

3. BEFORE DOING SO WE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT ADVISE PHILIP MORRIS THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS RAISED ITS CLAIM WITH THE ADVISER AND THAT WE PROPOSE TO WRITE TO THE MINISTRY AS SUGGESTED BY THE ADVISER, IF PHILIP MORRIS HAS NO OBJECTION, AND ASK IF THEY HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THEY WOULD LIKE US TO CONVEY.

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